STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2151

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2598

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Technology and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2598 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN HAWAII AND AFRICAN AMERICANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Commission on African American History and Culture to recognize the contributions of and educate Hawaii's citizens on the African American people in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition; Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Hawaii; Baham-Goldsborough Hawaii Chapter of Tuskegee Airman, Inc.; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that African American people have contributed significantly to all phases of Hawaii's development. Recognition of the contributions of the African American people and their culture is important to the promotion and awareness of Hawaii's diverse and multicultural society.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Technology and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2598 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Technology and the Arts,

GLENN WAKAI, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Technology and the Arts TEC

Bill / Resolution No.:*  \$\int B \ 259 \ightarrow	Committee Referral:			Date: 2/4/14	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)		/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)					
IHARA, Jr., Les		/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Clarence & Sushikere					
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